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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF:

RODOLFO A. NICHOLSON  
CERTIFICATION NO. 12098

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER

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This matter was opened to the Board of Social Work Examiners on April 17, 1996 by way of provisional order revoking the CSW social worker certification of Rodolfo A. Nicholson based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law enumerated below. The provisional order afforded Rodolfo A. Nicholson (10) ten days to request modification and/or a hearing to contest, explain or mitigate the findings of fact and conclusions of law enumerated in the provisional order. No written or verbal response has been received from Rodolfo A. Nicholson despite adequate service of the provisional order to the address on file with the Board of Social Work Examiners.

N.J.A.C. 13:44G-9.1 requires every licensee to notify the Board in writing of any change of address from that which is on file with the Board. N.J.A.C. 13:44G-9.1 also declares that service at the address on file with the Board is deemed adequate notice for the commencement of a disciplinary proceeding. The provisional order was delivered in a sealed envelope by regular and certified mail to 382 Bay Street, P.O. Box 102, Staten Island, New York 10301-0102, which is the address of Rodolfo A. Nicholson on file with the Board of Social Work Examiners. Both envelopes were returned to the sender. The provisional order was also delivered in a sealed envelope by regular and certified mail to: 220 Osgood Avenue, Apt 3K, Staten Island, New York, which is the address which was reported by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service as the address

of Rodolfo A. Nicholson. In view of the foregoing, adequate service was accomplished and Rodolfo A. Nicholson was afforded sufficient notice and the opportunity to be heard in connection with this matter. Accordingly, the following findings and conclusion are made:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds certification number SW 12098. On December 1, 1994 Respondent filed an application for social work certification in New Jersey. In said application, Respondent certified that he had been purportedly employed by: "Kabbalah Natn' Nursing & Social Work Registry," Box 267, Trenton, New Jersey 08602-0267 and obtained at least 3200 hours of social work experience there.

2. On January 1, 1996 Respondent submitted a letter enclosing a copy of a purported license from the "Canal Zone-USA, Board of Social Work."

3. The Canal Zone ceased to exist on September 30, 1979 in accordance with the provisions of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty. The Canal Zone was not in existence in 1994 when the purported license was issued.

4. There was no Canal Zone-USA Board of Social Work in existence in 1994 when the license was purportedly issued.

5. Respondent submitted the counterfeit "Canal Zone-USA Board of Social Work license" in an effort to obtain certification as a social worker in New Jersey.

6. No written or verbal response has been received from Rodolfo A. Nicholson.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent has violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b). Respondent obtained social work certification by deception and misrepresentation; and engaged in the use of dishonesty, fraud, deception misrepresentation and false pretense.

IT IS THEREFORE, ON THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May 1996

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's certification to practice as a certified social worker is hereby revoked.

2. Respondent shall not represent himself as a certified social worker or perform any services which fall within the scope of said practice.

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: Theodore C. Walden  
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President